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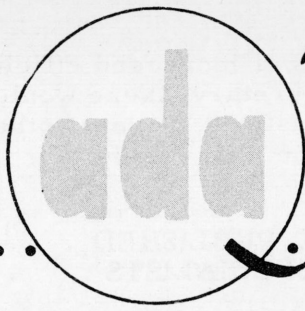
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# News Letter

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## SENATOR TAFT INTRODUCES RESOLUTION TO REJECT REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 27 -- COMMITTEE HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6

Opposition to Reorganization Plan No. 27, which would transfer the Federal Security Administration into a cabinet-rank Department of Health, Education and Security, with Oscar Ewing as the probable secretary, is mounting in both Houses of Congress, according to Washington reports. Last week, Sen. Taft (R., Ohio) introduced a resolution in the Senate calling for rejection of the plan, submitted a month ago by President Truman. The A.D.A., which has been urging Congress to reject the plan (See A.D.A. News Letter, June 15), has been invited to send official representatives to testify on the Taft resolution in a hearing next Thursday (July 6) before the Senate's Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department. Dr. E. Harold Gale, of Albany, N. Y., chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Legislation, and Francis J. Garvey, of Chicago, council secretary, will represent the Association at this hearing. The Taft resolution (S.R. 302) was introduced jointly by a group of seven Republican senators. In addition to Sen. Taft, they are Senators Butler (Neb.), Smith and Hendrickson (both of N.J.), Bricker (Ohio), Knowland (Calif.) and Mundt (S.D.). Several other senators (see below) also have announced their opposition to creation of the new federal department. In the House of Representatives, efforts to reject Plan No. 27 received a setback when the Committee on Expenditures voted against a similar resolution introduced by Rep. Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.). The House Committee ordered the Hoffman resolution referred to the full House with a recommendation that the resolution be not approved. Opponents of Plan No. 27, however, were hopeful that the committee action on the Hoffman resolution could be reversed when it is called up for a vote on the House floor. Under the Reorganization Act, Plan No. 27 will become effective on July 31 (60 days after it was submitted to Congress by President Truman) unless it is specifically disapproved by a majority of all members of either the Senate or the House prior to that date.

### REJECTION OF PLAN URGED BY THREE MORE DENTAL SOCIETIES

Three mid-western state dental societies last week followed the action of the Dental Society of the State of New York in requesting their Congressional delega-

tions to vote against Plan No. 27. They are the Wisconsin State Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society and the Michigan State Dental Society. The resolution adopted by the legislative committee of the Wisconsin Society was introduced into the Congressional Record by Sen. Wiley (R., Wis.). At the time, he told the Senate: "We want genuine government reorganization which will achieve economy and which will not result in any damaging of the American system of private medicine which has contributed to our magnificent health standards." Also announcing his opposition to Plan No. 27 was Sen. O'Connor (D., Md.). Pointing out that Plan No. 27 does not conform with the Hoover Commission recommendations, Sen. O'Connor declared: "I vigorously opposed a similar plan last year for creation of the Department of Health, Education and Security....because I was convinced the all-important activities in the field of health and education should not be placed under a political appointee, who more than likely would be not too well versed in either field. Particularly was I fearful that the creation of such a department would be the opening wedge in the handling of health affairs which would lead eventually to socialized medicine in one form or another. While the Plan as modified does not subordinate these major activities to the Cabinet Officer in charge, it does propose a change in handling of health and educational matters which very conceivably would not be in public interest and for

which there would seem to be little if any justification on the basis of increased efficiency and economy. If the two activities would still be independent of the Secretary, there would seem to be nothing to gain, and possibly much to lose, by the proposed transfer." Several other Democratic senators were reported to be prepared to vote in favor of the Taft resolution.

## **NEW EDITION OF AMERICAN DENTAL DIRECTORY WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT NOVEMBER -- TO INCLUDE SEPARATE LISTING OF SPECIALISTS**

A new edition of the American Dental Directory listing the names and addresses of all licensed dentists in the United States and its territories and possessions will be published next November, it was announced today by Mr. John J. Hollister, A.D.A. business manager. The new edition will include both geographical and alphabetical listings so that individuals may be located either by name or through the city in which they practice. Under the geographical listing each dentist will be identified as to his practice, the name of the school from which he was graduated and the year of graduation. In general, the 1950 edition will follow the same form of the first edition, that of 1947. One new feature, however, will be a separate geographical listing of specialists in the fields of oral pathology, oral surgery, orthodontics, pedodontics, periodontics, and prosthodontics. All specialists will also be included in the alphabetical and geographic listings of the directory. Under rules established by the A.D.A. Board of Trustees, the directory will list as specialists only those who have been certified as diplomates by recognized specialty boards, those who are members of recognized specialty societies or those who are licensed as specialists by their respective state boards of dental examiners.

### **20 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON PRE-PUBLICATION ORDERS**

The new directory will sell for \$12.50 per copy. A special discount of 20 per cent will be allowed on all orders placed with the A.D.A. Central Office prior to the Nov. 1 publication date, Mr. Hollister said. Those who desire to take advantage of the discount by ordering their copies in advance of publication should remit \$10 for each copy ordered. Based on present information, the new edition will contain approximately 80,000 names. In addition, the 1950 directory will feature a special reference section including lists of state and district dental societies, all dental schools, and dental publications and their editors. Other information to be included in the directory will be a table showing license reciprocity arrangements among the various states, data on the distribution of dentists throughout the nation and a list of requirements for licensure as established by state examining boards.

## **A.M.A. ANNOUNCES \$1,110,000 AD DRIVE AGAINST COMPULSORY HEALTH SCHEME**

The American Medical Association has authorized the expenditure of \$1,110,000 this fall in a direct advertising campaign against compulsory health insurance, it was announced this week at the 99th annual session of the A.M.A. in San Francisco. The advertising has been scheduled for the week of Oct. 8 for nearly every daily and weekly newspaper in the United States, for 30 national magazines and a number of trade publications. There will also be spot announcements on 300 radio stations. Object of the campaign is "to make the American people 'health insurance conscious' and to encourage...prepaid medical and hospital care as a means of taking the economic shock out of illness." Its theme is "The Voluntary Way is the American Way." A keynote for the campaign was set by Dr. Elmer L. Henderson, of Louisville, Ky., new A.M.A. president. In an inaugural address broadcast over two networks, Dr. Henderson charged that "the administrative arm of our government has failed us in this generation." Declaring that the nation's medical care problems can be resolved "without compulsory payroll taxes and without political pressure," Dr. Henderson said: "Within the next three years, in the opinion of leading medical economists, 90 million persons will be enrolled in the voluntary prepaid medical plans -- and when that number has been reached, the problem will have been largely resolved."

## **RELIEF CAMPAIGN ENDS WITH TOTAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$83,044.29 -- TENNESSEE BECOMES 15th A.D.A. CONSTITUENT TO EXCEED QUOTA**

The A.D.A. Relief Fund campaign for 1949-50 closed today (July 1) with an unofficial total contribution of \$83,044.29, 83 per cent of the quota established last November. It is the highest total collected in Relief Fund history. During June the Tennessee State Dental Association became the 15th A.D.A. constituent to exceed its quota. Those which have either exceeded or equalled their quotas are: Alabama (217 per cent), District of Columbia (156), Panama Canal Zone (137), North Dakota (135), Southern California (130), Georgia (124), North Carolina (113), New Mexico (108), Hawaii (104), Montana (104), Utah (103), Washington (103), Tennessee (102), Oregon (102) and Louisiana (100). This year the nearest miss was scored by dentists of the Mississippi State Dental Association who contributed \$499.99 of a quota of \$500.

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES V.A. DENTAL SPECIALIST BILL**

An A.D.A.-sponsored bill to create the rank of dental specialist in the Veterans Administration is now facing full House action following its approval on June 22 by the Veterans Affairs Committee. Indications were that the bill (H.R. 8619) would pass the House. A companion bill (S. 2249) is before the Senate's Labor and Public Welfare Committee. In another action, the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee in effect killed the bill providing for federal grants to schools of dentistry, medicine and nursing by voting to defer consideration. A similar bill, with some amendments, was introduced by Rep. Andrew J. Biemiller (D., Wis.) but little likelihood was seen of its passage in keeping with reports that the House leadership has adopted a policy not to call up any more bills this session that would authorize appropriations. Another measure that appears to be dead for this session is the Army Dental bill (S. 2380) which gives dentists a greater degree of administrative parity with the medical corps in the army and air force. Because it conflicts in certain details with the Army Organization Act of 1950, which is now awaiting the President's signature, the A.D.A. Council on Legislation and the Council on Federal Government Dental Services are now drafting a new army dental bill which is expected to be introduced before Congress adjourns.

## **DENTAL EDUCATION COSTS UP 50 PER CENT SINCE 1943**

The cost of a four-year dental education, not including living expenses, now averages \$3,429.80 in this country, it was revealed in a study recently completed by Dr. Shailer Peterson, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education. This figure is about 51 per cent higher than the \$2,267 average computed in a similar study in 1943. The 40 accredited dental schools who participated in the new study reported a wide range of average expenses. The highest average cost reported was \$4,226, and the lowest was \$2,013. In the study the cost item included tuition, fixed fees, cost of textbooks, instruments, supplies and other essential items. The study also revealed that the average cost for a four-year course in non-state schools is \$3,498.44. For state schools the average is \$2,692.71 for residents and \$3,326.83 for non-residents.

## **DR. J. J. HINIKER NAMED CHIEF OF V.A. DENTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Three appointments in the Veterans Administration dental service were announced last week by Dr. Bion R. East, assistant chief medical director in charge of the dental service. Dr. Jerome J. Hiniker was named chief of the professional service division. He has been serving as acting chief since the retirement of Dr. William D. Lanier May 31 after 33 years of government service. At the same time, Dr. Willis E. Krueger, stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn., and Dr. Charles L. Toole Jr., stationed at the V.A. Hospital at Coral Gables, Fla., were transferred to the V.A. Central Office. Meanwhile, it was learned that the V.A.'s 1950-51 budget, now under scrutiny by the Senate Appropriations Committee, may for the first time include funds earmarked specifically for dentistry. At the urging of Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D., Wyo.), only dental member of the Senate, the committee's report will incorporate a provision granting greater financial independence to the dental service.

## MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE VOTES TO REPEAL ENABLING ACT FOR DENTAL NURSE TRAINING PROJECT AT FORSYTH INFIRMARY

The Massachusetts state legislature this week passed a bill (2034) repealing a previously approved state law authorizing the training of dental nurses at the Forsyth Dental Infirmary at Boston. The Massachusetts House of Representatives approved the repeal measure on June 21 by a vote of 148 to 78 and sent it to the Senate which concurred in the House action, 19 to 6, last Wednesday (June 28). The repeal measure is now on the desk of Gov. Dever for consideration. If the bill is approved by Gov. Dever it would terminate the state authority granted for the training of feminine personnel to prepare and fill cavities in children's teeth under the supervision of a registered dentist. The Forsyth project, which has attracted national attention, was launched last year under the joint sponsorship of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts State Board of Dental Examiners, and the Children's Bureau of the Federal Security Administration. Last May, the House of Delegates of the Massachusetts Dental Society voted 45 to 27 to go on record as opposed to the project. In early June the society's Board of Trustees unanimously urged the state legislature to repeal the enabling act for the project. During recent weeks, a number of dental organizations have gone on record opposing the Forsyth project. Those which recently passed resolutions urging that the project be terminated include the Utah State Dental Association and the New York State Society of Dentistry for Children.

## NAME TWO ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES FOR A.D.A. PROJECT

The appointments of two additional research associates to participate in the A.D.A.-sponsored study on the physical and chemical properties of dental enamel were announced this week by Dr. J. L. T. Appleton, of Philadelphia, chairman of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research. They are Melvin E. Lawson Jr., of Washington, D.C., and Aaron S. Posner, of Red Bank, N.J. Mr. Lawson, a chemist who had been a research associate of the American Petroleum Institute, will assume his duties at the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C., today (July 1). Mr. Posner, now associated with the engineering laboratory of the U.S. Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J., will join the A.D.A. research staff around Aug. 15. The new appointments increased to eight the number of A.D.A. research scientists assigned to the Bureau of Standards. Two other research workers, Dr. A. Frank Forziati and Robert J. Nelsen, whose appointments were announced in April, are scheduled to assume their duties this month. Dr. Forziati was assigned to the enamel project and Dr. Nelsen to the A.D.A. staff in the dental materials section of the bureau. Another research worker, Walter Mahler, of New York City, joined the A.D.A. Central Office staff last week. He was awarded one of the dental research assistantships for post-graduate students in chemistry which are sponsored jointly by the A.D.A. and the American College of Dentists.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Three members of the dental profession, all Democrats, are seeking public office in Oklahoma. Dr. Lloyd Church, of Clinton, is seeking election to the House of Representatives. Dr. Fred Seids, of Perry, is running for re-election as a representative in the state legislature and Dr. R. T. Oliver, of Tulsa, also a state representative, wants a seat in the state senate.... Deadline for accepting applications for the scientific exhibit and motion picture program of the 91st annual session of the A.D.A. at Atlantic City next fall is July 15. Forms should be sent to Dr. Donald A. Washburn, director of scientific exhibits, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11.... Despite a recent public hearing, chances appeared slim for a House subcommittee of the Veterans Committee to act favorably on passage of a bill that would extend past the deadline of July 25, 1951, the time when ex-servicemen can enter dental or medical schools.... Dr. Louis R. Burman, of New York City, was installed as president of the American Academy of Dental Medicine last week in Boston.... The A.D.A. Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations will meet in the Central Office July 15 and 16 with representatives of dental laboratories in an effort to work out amendments to the accreditation policy and to discuss legislation regarding the dental laboratory crafts.... Beg your pardon: Because of a typographical error, the name of Dr. Thomas M. Birkbeck, of Milton, Ore., chairman of the Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners, was misspelled in the last issue of the A.D.A. News Letter.